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## <u>REMARKS</u>

Applicants appreciate the notification of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 2-5 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 and 4-8 are pending in the application.

Claims 9-20 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter, and are now canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) based on claims 9-20.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 3, and thus should be allowable. Claim 4 has been amended to provide proper claim dependency. Therefore, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 4-8 should be in condition for allowance.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is carnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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